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SUBJ: BOLIVIAN OUTLET TO THE SEA

1. ON SEPTEMBER 24 THE THREE MAJOR LA PAZ MORNING NEWSPAPERS PUBLISHED AP, AFP AND REUTER LATIN STORIES DATELINED SANTIAGO REPORTING ON A BANZER INTERVIEW WHICH WILL APPEAR IN THE ISSUE OF ERCILLA REACHING THE UNVEETS ON THE 24TH. THESE REPORTS QUOTE BANZER AS HAVING PROPOSED TO PINOCHET A SOVEREIGN BOLIVIAN SEA OUTLET WITH CONTIGUOUS TERRITORY TERMINATING AT THE PORT OF ARICA AS THE MOST PRACTICAL SOLUTION TO BOLIVIA'S LANDLOCKED CONDITION. BANZER IS ALSO QUOTED AS STATING THAT IN PREVIOUS TALKS WITH MORALES BERMUDEZ, THE PERUVIAN PRESIDENT EXPRESSED HIS COUNTRY'S EXPECTATION OF PARTICIPATING IN THE NEGOTIATIONS OF A SOLUTION IS TO BE EFFECTED THROUGH TPA TRANSFERENCE OF TERRITORY WHICH BELONGED TO PERU PRIOR TO 1879.

2. BANZER REPORTEDLY OFFERED CHILE THE FRIENDSHIP OF THE BOLIVIAN PEOPLE AS WELL AS MORE MATERIAL COMPENSATION IN THE FORM OF OIL, GAS AND AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS IN THE WAKE OF A SATISFACTORY SETTLEMENT WHILE STATING THAT HE WOULD STEP DOWN FROM THE PRESIDENCY IF NEGOTIATIONS ARE UNSUCCESSFUL.

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3. THIS INTERVIEW APPEARS TO BE BANZER'S VEHICLE FOR PLACING HIS

PROPOSAL IN THE PUBLIC DOMAIN AS HAS BEEN DEMANDED BY THE MORE
VOCAL SEGMENTS OF BOLIVIAN PUBLIC OPINION. IT REMAINS TO BE SEEN
WHETHER OR NOT IT WILL HAVE THE DESIRED EFFECT OF ELICITING A
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